

Milwaukee County

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, 4th District Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West, 12th District

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CHAIRWOMAN DIMITRIJEVIC, SUPERVISOR ROMO WEST HONOR PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE DURING HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

Citations to be presented to Frank Gonzalez, Judge Pedro Colon and Voces de la Frontera

Milwaukee – Milwaukee County Chairwoman Marina Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Peggy A. Romo West are observing Hispanic Heritage Month with awards and a presentation under the theme "Honoring our Past, Opening Doors and Fighting for More" during the Thursday, September 27, 2012 meeting of the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors.

"The work of the people and the non-profit we are recognizing transcend culture but it is fitting to honor them during Hispanic Heritage Month for their specific contributions to the Hispanic community within Milwaukee County," said Chairwoman Dimitrijevic.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Romo West represent Supervisory districts with the largest Hispanic populations in Milwaukee County.

"I am humbled by the dedication and perseverance of our award recipients, who are shining examples of people and organizations that make us all better," noted Supervisor Romo West.

Representing the "Honoring our Past" portion of the month's theme, Frank Gonzalez, Jr. is a long-time activist and volunteer within the local Hispanic community and serves on the Milwaukee County Commission on Aging.

Embodying the "Opening Doors" element of the theme, Milwaukee County Judge Pedro Colon is the first Latino to be elected a member of either house of the Wisconsin Legislature.

Depicting the "Fighting for More" piece of the theme, Voces de la Frontera is Wisconsin's leading immigrant rights group and works toward improved immigration rights within Milwaukee County.

Chairwoman Dimitrijevic and Supervisor Romo West plan to present the three honorees with citations, to provide information about Hispanic Heritage Month and to invite Father Jose Moreno to offer the invocation for the Board meeting.